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SUMMARY: MEXICO CITY DAILY YESTERDAY PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM ALLEGED CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SUBMITTED TO SECY KISSINGER BY PROFESSOR ARTHUR CORWIN (U. OF CONN.). STORY IMPLIED CORWIN STUDY HAD OFFICIAL USG SANCTION AND WAS PREPARED BY MEANS OF SPECIAL ACCESS TO MEXICAN GOVT AUTHORITIES AND RECORDS. AS REPORTED, THRUST OF CORWIN'S ARGUMENT IS BORDERS MUST BE SEALED AGAINST ILLEGAL ENTRY IF WE ARE TO AVOID GROWTH OF QUEBEC-TYPE REGIONAL DISSIDENCE. LOCAL REACTION SO FAR MILD. END SUMMARY.

1. NOV. 10 EDITION LEADING MEXICAN DAILY, EXCLESIOR, PUBLISHED EXCERPTS FROM 50-PAGE "CONFIDENTIAL" REPORT BY PROFESSOR CORWIN WHICH IT HAD OBTAINED BY UN-DISCLOSED MEANS. STORY'S LEAD INDICATES CORWIN HAD ACCESS FILES AND DOCUMENTS MEXICAN FONSEC, ADDING CORWIN SUBMITTED "SPY REPORTS" BOTH TO SECRETARY AND EMBASSY MEXICO. INTRODUCTORY PORTION CORWIN REPORT SAID TO MENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RABASA, LEGAL ADVISOR BARONA LOBATO, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSULAR SERVICE JORGE AGUILAR SALDANA. IN EXCELSIOR SUMMARY CORWIN ATTRIBUTES MASSIVE WAVE OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION TO POSSIBILITY OBTAINING MONEY WITHOUT WORKING, AS INCREASING NUMBERS SUCCEED IN ENROLLING FOR "WELFARE." MEXICAN "INVASION" WAS BRINGING WITH IT WHOLLY NEW "WETBACK" SUBCULTURE WHICH WAS HAVING INCREASING IMPACT ON SOCIAL AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS NORTH OF BORDER. CORWIN REPORTEDLY PREDICTED THAT, UNLESS EFFECTIVE MEASURES WERE TAKEN CLOSE BORDER, WITHIN ONE OF TWO GENERATIONS HALF OF TEXAS WOULD BECOME "CHICANO QUEBEC," SIMILAR SHIFTS WOULD OCCUR OTHER SOUTHWESTERN STATES, GRADUAL GROWTH OF SEPARATIST FEELING WOULD FINALLY PRODUCE "RECONQUEST OF AZTLAN."

2. EXCERPTS EXCELSIOR INDICATE CORWIN PRESCRIPTION IS MASSIVE INCREASE PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND FUNDS US IMMIGRATION SERVICE. CORWIN CALLS FOR ANNUAL INS BUDGET ONE BILLION DOLLARS AND FORCE 50,000 BORDER PATROL AGENTS, WHICH WOULD ENABLE USG TURN ASIDE PRESENT DEMANDS DEPLOY US ARMY TROOPS ALONG BORDER. CORWIN ALLEGEDLY ADDS NUMBERS OF INS PERSONNEL COULD BE SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCED IF TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS (ELECTRIFIED FENCES, ELECTRONIC DETECTION DEVICES) WERE INSTALLED ALL ALONG MEXICAN BORDER, BUT HE STRONGLY DOUBTS THAT "LIBERAL" GROUPS IN US WOULD SIT STILL FOR THIS.

3. EXCELSIOR ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH COMMENTARY BY DR. JORGE BUSTAMANTE, COLEGIO DE MEXICO'S LEADING SPECIALIST ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. BUSTAMANTE ASSERTS INS DEPORTATION FIGURES FOR THIS YEAR, WHICH HE PROJECTS TO TOTAL ONE MILLION DEPORTATIONS, INDICATE MAGNITUDE OF "INVASION" CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THAN 2,000 PER DAY ALLEGED BY CORWIN. BUSTAMANTE CITES EARLIER STUDIES INDICATING LARGER NUMBER MEXICANS DO NOT IN FACT MIGRATE TO RESIDE US BUT ONLY WORK, AND LEAVE COUNTRY WHEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES DRY UP OR THEY ARE APPREHENDED.

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4. BUSTAMANTE ALSO CITES TEXAS SCHOLAR VERNON BRIGGS IN COUNTERING CORWIN'S ARGUMENT MANY ILLEGALS FIND THEIR WAY TO WELFARE ROLES. (BRIGGS ARGUES MOST ILLEGALS LACK SUFFICIENT FAMILIARITY WITH BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES GET THEMSELVES INSCRIBED.)

5. SURPRISINGLY, EXCELSIOR EDITORIAL THIS MORNING SOUNDS VERY HELPFUL AND UNDERSTANDING NOTE DEALING WITH CORWIN

REPORT. EDITORIAL FLATLY DEFENDS SOVEREIGN
RIGHT EVERY NATION CONTROL IMMIGRATION INTO ITS
TERRITORY AND TAKE STEPS PREVENT ILLEGAL ENTRY,
(INCLUDING USE ELECTRONIC FENCES AND DETECTORS).
EDITORIAL STATES US HAS RIGHT DEPORT ILLEGALS
JUST AS MEXICO HAS RIGHT DEPORT AMCITS WHOSE
IMMIGRATION STATUS IRREGULAR. FINALLY, EXCELSIOR
HITS SENSITIVE ROOTS WHOLE PROBLEM: REASON
MEXICANS IMMIGRATE US MERELY BECAUSE THEY LACK
MEANS SUBSISTENCE WITHIN MEXICO AND MUST LOOK NORTH
OF BORDER FOR THEIR SURVIVAL. IN US THEY ARE RECEIVED
WITH OPEN ARMS BY EMPLOYERS BECAUSE THEY WORK WELL AND
FOR LOW WAGES -- AND, INCIDENTLY, ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO
US UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS.

6. COMMENT: AS INDICATED REPAIR, CORWIN KNOWN TO
THIS EMBASSY AND WHAT APPEARS BE EARLIER DRAFT
HIS REPORT IS IN OUR FILES. WE SEEKING MAKE
CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT HAVE AND DOES NOT HAVE
ANY OFFICIAL STATUS WITH EMBASSY OR USG, AND WE
PRESUME HIS REPORT WAS SUBMITTED VOLUNTARILY TO
SECRETARY.

7. CORWIN HAS IN FACT BEEN RETAINED ON AND OFF BY
MEXICAN GOVT AND SPECIFICALLY BY BOTH FONSEC AND
INTERSECRETARIAL COMMISSION ON ILLEGALS. ALTHOUGH WE
HAVE NO IDEA HOW HIS REPORT FELL INTO HANDS NEWSMEN,
IT WILL CLEARLY HURT HIS STANDING HERE AND DRY UP ACCESS
TO SOURCES. SO FAR, HOWEVER, REACTION FONSEC AND
IN PRESS HAVE BEEN MILD AND WE DO NOT SEEM FACED
FOR MOMENT AT LEAST -- WITH ACCUSATION OF OUR HAVING
INSTIGATED "SPYING" INSIDE GOM.

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